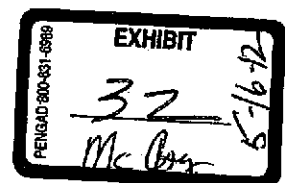
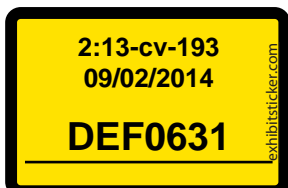


SENATE RULES

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not required to permit consideration to continue when a Senate bill day arrives (73 S.J. Reg. 1082 (1993)).

SPECIAL ORDERS

Rule 5.11. (a) Any bill, resolution, or other measure may on any day be made a special order for a future time of the session by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present.

(b) A special order shall be considered at the time for which it is set and considered from day to day until disposed of, unless at the time so fixed there is pending business under a special order, but such pending business may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of all the members present. If a special order is not reached or considered at the time fixed, it shall not lose its place as a special order. All special orders shall be subject to any Joint Rules and Rule 5.10.

(c) Upon the affirmative vote of four-fifths of the members present, a special order may be reset to an earlier time than previously scheduled.

(d) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) of this rule, a bill or resolution relating to voter identification requirements reported favorably from the Committee of the Whole Senate may be set as a special order for a time at least 24 hours after the motion is adopted by a majority of the members of the Senate.

Editorial Notes

A bill once set as a special order does not lose its place on the calendar of special orders if not taken up at the hour for which it is set.

A special order, the hour for the consideration of which has arrived, takes precedence of the unfinished business unless the unfinished business is itself a special order.

Notes of Rulings

A bill being considered as a special order that is laid on the table subject to call is no longer a special order (43 S.J. Reg. 980 (1933)).

Refusal of Senate to set bill as special order for a certain hour does not prevent a motion being made and adopted

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immediately thereafter to set the bill as a special order for a different specified hour (45 S.J. Reg. 860 (1937)).

The motion to set a bill for a special order is not a proper substitute for a motion to suspend the regular order of business and take up a bill for immediate consideration (50 S.J. Reg. 1055 (1947)).

When the business before the Senate is a special order, the order of business may be suspended in order to consider other business (61 S.J. Reg. 2034 (1969)).

A motion to set a bill for special order may be made when the Senate is not in morning call (67 S.J. Reg. 1430 (1981)).

When the time set for consideration of a special order arrives, the special order displaces pending business (67 S.J. Reg. 1449 (1981)).

A motion to suspend the regular order of business is not in order when the time set for consideration of a special order has arrived (67 S.J. Reg. 1558 (1981)).

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Rule 5.12. (a) Bills and resolutions shall be considered on second reading and shall be listed on the daily calendar of bills and resolutions on the President's table for second reading in the order in which the committee reports on them are received by the Senate. Upon the filing of a committee report on a bill or resolution as provided by Rule 11.12, the Secretary of the Senate shall note the date and time the report was filed. The Journal Clerk shall record the order in which the committee report was received in the Senate Journal for the day on which the Senate next convenes.

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(b) Bills and resolutions shall be considered on third reading in the order in which they were passed on second reading.

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On the very important matter of the order of considering each of the several bills reported from committees, the rules of the Senate were silent until Senate Rule 5.12 was amended on June 6, 1947, to provide that bills be placed on the calendars of Senate and House bills on the President's table in the order in which the committee reports on the bills are submitted by the respective chairmen from the floor. Bills are listed for consideration on third reading in the order in which they have been passed by the Senate to engrossment or to third reading.

The Senate Agenda is prepared daily and lists the bills in their order of consideration.

Notes of Rulings

A bill may not be considered by the Senate which has not been reported from a committee (44 S.J. Reg. 713 (1935)).

A report of a committee on a bill may be received only, and the question of its adoption is not voted on by the Senate (42 S.J. 1 C.S. 748 (1931)).

SUSPENSION OF THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Rule 5.13. No bill, joint resolution, or resolution affecting state policy may be considered out of its regular calendar order unless the regular order is suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Notes of Rulings

By suspending the regular order of business, the Senate may take up a bill before the day to which it previously was postponed (67 S.J. Reg. 1057 (1981)).